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SUBJECT: LEBANESE-ISRAELI RELATIONS

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1. SENIOR LEBANESE ARMY OFFICE TOLD EMBOFF THAT IDF HAS BEEN NOTIFIED OFFICIALLY VIA ILMAC THAT TWO ISRAELI POW'S WILL BE RETURNED DEC. 13. IDF REPS REPORTEDLY VERY PLEASED AND SAID THEY WOULD BREAK OUT CHAMPAGNE FOR DEC. 13 MEETING. LEBANESE HAVE REQUESTED, AND REPRTEDELY BEEN ASSURED, THAT THERE BE NO PUBLICITY FROM ISRAELI SIDE. RETURN OF POW'S CONFIRMED BY UNTSO SOURCE.

2. IN RELATED IMPROVEMENT OF ISRAELI-LEBANESE RELATIONS, BORDER INCIDENTS CAUSED BY FEDAYEEN AND IDF FIRING HAVE DIMINISHED OVER PAST FOUR DAYS. THIS MAY BE DUE TO COMBINATION OF WORSENING WEATHER, IDF EXPECTATION THAT GOL WOULD FINALLY AGREE TO RELEASE CAPTURED PILOTS, AND STIFFER CONTROL BY LEBANESE ARMY WHICH LED TO NEAR CLASH IWTH LARGE GROUP OF FATAH AND PFLP/GC WHOM THEY EVICTED FROM POSITON ALONG BORDER IN ARQUB LAST WEEKEND. BUFFUM
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